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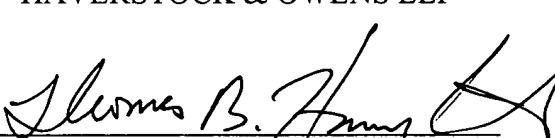
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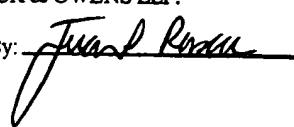
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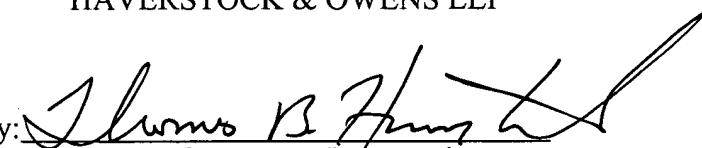
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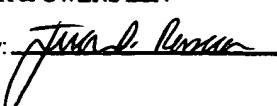
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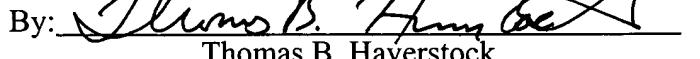
- U.S. Patent No. 6,535,586 B1; and
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